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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1966

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Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport.

June, 1967.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and
Councillors of the Borough of Lyme Regis.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year
1966.

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The shared appointment of an additional public health inspector with
Bridport R.D.C. is proving invaluable and allows all the Council's statutory
duties in respect of public health to be fulfilled, e.g. in the next few months
action will have been taken in respect of all the unfit houses in the Borough
and for the first time all the food premises in the town have been visited at
least once during the year. In 1966 289 visits were made to registered food
premises whilst in 1963 before the additional appointment was made, it was only
possible to make 28 visits.

P.T.O.

I must express my thanks to the members and officers of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received during the past year. I am also grateful to Mr. Kennaugh, and Mr. Bolt for their assistance in preparing this report.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John G. Mead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

Alderman R. Oliver.

Vice Chairman.

Councillor R.J. Childs.

Councillor C.H. Brazier.

Councillor Major J.E. Nuttall.

Councillor F.D. Fortnam.

Councillor G.R. Upjohn.

Councillor V.J. Homyer.

Ex officio Councillor A.E. Lane J.P. (Mayor)

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport Borough Council
and Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils, and Senior
Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset
County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Public Health Inspector

and Surveyor.....Ian D. Kennaugh, M.R.S.H..

Additional Public Health

Inspector.....K.S. Bolt M.A.P.H.I. (joint appointment).

Pupil Public Health Inspector.....R. Singleton (joint appointment)

Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B.E. Lawrence.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor.

Births - 1.41

Deaths 0.73

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the area and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	15	14	29
Legitimate.....	13	13	26
Illegitimate.....	2	1	3

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 8.8 Corrected 12.40

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births :- 10.3

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.....	0	0	0

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births :- 0

Total Live and Still Births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Total Registered.	15	14	29
<u>Deaths (all ages)</u>			
Total Registered.	13	35	48

Death Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 14.5 Corrected 10.5

Deaths of Infants

	<u>Males</u>			<u>Females</u>		
	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Legit.</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year of age.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Under 4 weeks of age.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Under 1 week of age.	1	0	1	0	0	0

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births.....	34.5
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births.....	38.4
Illegitimate " " " " illegitimate live births.....	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	34.5
Early Neo-natal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	34.5
Perinatal " " (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births).....	34.5

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths.....	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births.....	0

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1930	1940	1950	1960	1963	1964	1965	1966
Population.....	2394	3212	3036	3180	3470	3330	3330	3330
Rateable Value.....	£19911	£25771	£26853	£53592	£138210	£140364	£151158	£150426
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate.....	£78	£98	£106	£212	£530	£546	£602	£607
BIRTHS								
Live Births.....	27	43	35	36	32	35	43	29
Legitimate.....	27	41	30	35	30	32	42	26
Illegitimate.....	0	2	5	1	2	3	1	3
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	11.3	13.9	11.4	11.3	9.2	10.5	12.9	8.8
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	12.4	12.9	13.0	14.8	18.2	12.4
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	16.3	14.6	15.8	17.1	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7
DEATHS								
Total Deaths.....	24	56	40	41	60	53	54	48
Death Rate (crude).....	10.0	13.6	13.1	12.9	17.3	15.0	16.2	14.5
Death Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	9.4	9.8	12.6	11.0	11.7	10.5
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.4	14.3	11.6	11.5	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7
INFANT MORTALITY								
Still Births.....	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
Still Birth Rate.....	35.7	44.4	0.32	0	3.33	54.0	0	0
Still Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	41	37	23	19.7	17.3	16.3	15.7	15.4
Deaths under 1 year.....	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
Infantile Death Rate.....	37	87	0	0	31.3	0	0	34.5
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	60	55	29.8	21.7	20.9	20.0	19.0	19.0
Neonatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	13.3	0	0	34.5
Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	31	30	19	15.6	14.2	13.8	13.0	12.9
Early Neonatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	13.3	0	0	34.5
Early Neonatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1
Perinatal Death Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	60.6	54.0	0	34.5
Perinatal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	26.3
MATERNAL MORTALITY								
Maternal Deaths.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Maternal Death Rate.....	0	0	0	0	0	27.0	0	0
Maternal Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	3.9	2.2	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

Causes of Death.

	<u>Totals.</u>
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	7
16. Diabetes.	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	8
18. Coronary disease, angina.	7
20. Other heart disease.	5
21. Other circulatory disease.	4
23. Pneumonia.	1
24. Bronchitis.	1
25. Other disease of respiratory system.	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	1
34. All other accidents.	1
35. Suicide.	1
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Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

	Total all ages.		Under 4 weeks.	4 weeks & under 1 year.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & Over.	
	M.	F.			M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.F.	M.	F.
* No. 10.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
11.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
12.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
14.	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	3
16.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
17.	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5
18.	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4
20.	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
21.	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
23.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
24.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
26.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
32.	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
33.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
34.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	13	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	27

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on opposite page.

Causes of Death at different periods of life
Registrar General's Official Return

WEST DORSET.

Combined figures for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough and Bridport and Beaminster Rural Districts.

	<u>Total</u>	(all ages)
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1	
2. Tuberculosis, other.	1	
3. Syphilitic Disease.	0	
4. Diphtheria.	0	
5. Whooping Cough.	0	
6. Meningococcal infections.	0	
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	
8. Measles.	6	
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	1	
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	7	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	11	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	6	
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	4	
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	40	
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	2	
16. Diabetes.	1	
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	74	
18. Coronary disease, angina.	80	
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	8	
20. Other heart disease.	41	
21. Other circulatory disease.	24	
22. Influenza.	1	
23. Pneumonia.	39	
24. Bronchitis.	17	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	2	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	0	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	6	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	3	
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	0	
31. Congenital malformations.	1	
32. Other defined & ill defined diseases.	33	
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	2	
34. All other accidents.	7	
35. Suicide.	6	
36. Homicide and operations of war.	0	
Total.	<u>419</u>	

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified was the lowest since 1962.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1966.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Measles.....	4	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Scarlet Fever...	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough..	4	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	14	-	3	-	5	-	3	-	-	1	1	1

Quarterly Notifications 1966.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Measles.....	4	-	1	-	3
Pneumonia.....	2	-	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever...	4	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough..	4	-	-	-	4
Total.	14	1	2	1	10

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

	1937	1940	1950	1960	1963	1964	1965	1966
Diphtheria.....	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever.....	1	-	-	4	6	4	35	4
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal fever.....	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	2	1	11	8	1	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Pul. Tuberculosis.....	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	23	104	8	179	38	14	4
Whooping Cough.....	-	51	15	-	2	-	15	4
Total.....	6	78	123	15	202	50	66	14

Tuberculosis.

There have been no cases of Tuberculosis notified during the last two years or deaths from this cause.

The number of cases on the register continues to decline.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.				
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on Register at end of 1965.	0	4	0	2
New cases notified during 1966.	0	0	0	0
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	0	0	0	0
Removals from District into other areas	0	0	0	0
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	0	0	0	0
Removed from Register - Cured.	0	1	0	0
Deaths during 1966.	0	0	0	0
Total on Register at end of 1966.	0	3	0	2

Average yearly incidence.

	<u>New Cases.</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
1940 - 1949.	1.6	0.4	0.6	0
1950 - 1959.	1.5	0.2	0.2	0
1960 - 1966.	0.5	0.1	0	0

Total cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary

	<u>Cases.</u>		<u>Cases.</u>
1946	11	1957	10
1947	12	1958	10
1948	15	1959	8
1949	12	1960	11
1950	12	1961	11
1951	16	1962	9
1952	20	1963	10
1953	18	1964	9
1954	17	1965	6
1955	14	1966	5
1956	10		

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Child Welfare Clinics and schools.

The following table shows the number immunised.

P = Primary dose.

R = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.		DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.	WHOOPING COUGH.	SMALLPOX.
ORAL.	SALK.					
Basic R. course.	P. R.	P.	R.	P. R.	P. R.	P. R.
31. 66.	1. 0 .	31.	87.	91. 120.	30. 16.	24. 2.

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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948. Section 47.

This Act makes provision for compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention from their own home to hospital or other suitable accommodation. Such persons have to be suffering from grave chronic illness or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to devote to themselves, or receive from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons living in the district were brought to my attention and therefore visited but statutory action was not found to be necessary.

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HOUSING.

10 houses were built by private enterprise, and consequent to conversion works 6 additional units of accommodation were provided. In addition work was commenced in July on 5 units of accommodation for the elderly and 1 unit for a warden.

There were 83 applicants on the waiting list for houses at the end of the year, compared with 68 last year.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. inspected for housing defects.....	22.
No. of inspections.....	50.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation.....	14.
No. of Informal Notices served.....	2.
No. of Informal Notices complied with.....	1.
No. of Statutory Notices served.....	0.
No. of Statutory Notices complied with.....	0.
No. of Closing Orders made.....	0.
No. of houses demolished (voluntarily by owner).....	0.
No. of undertakings accepted.....	4.

No. of new houses in course of construction :-

- (a) By Local Authority... 6.
- (b) By Private Enterprise. 12.

Slum Clearance.

In 1965 it was estimated that there were 40 houses in the Borough which were unfit. A number were dealt with in 1966, as shown in the following table, and the work will be completed in 1967.

Houses inspected.....	19.
Houses represented to the Council as unfit.....	13.
Undertakings accepted.....	4.
Formal action pending.....	9.
Reclassified.....	6.

Housing for the Elderly.

During the year work was started on the building of five flats on the Hill Road site, these flats will consist of a separate sitting room, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and lavatory, and the elderly persons who will be accommodated will lead a completely independent life but at the same time will be able to call on the assistance of the warden when necessary. A grant will be paid by the County Council to the Borough Council in respect of each flat.

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WATER SUPPLY.

Lyne Regis obtains its water supply from the East Devon Water Board. The Hartstongue spring, Pinhay, has a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day and there is a 500,000 gallon reservoir at Rousdon providing additional storage for the area.

In addition, to guard against interruption in supplies through landslips at the Pinhay source, 120,000 gallons per day can be abstracted from the River Axe,

Bacteriological Analyses.

110 samples from springs, reservoirs, mains and household taps were taken for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

Number of samples containing no Bact. Coli. type 1 organisms per 100ml = 110 = (100%)
 Number of samples containing no Coliform organisms per 100 ml = 109 = (99.1%)
 Number of samples containing 2 Coliform organisms per 100 ml = 1 = (0.9%)

From the aspect of bacteriological analysis, these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Chemical Analysis.

Report on a sample of water taken at Pinhay Pumping Station on the 7th. February, 1966 (Results are in parts per million).

Appearance	clear and bright.	Non carbonate Hardness	28
Colour	5° HAZEN	Total Hardness	260
Odour	NIL	Total Solids (Dried at 180°C)	372
Turbidity	NIL	Carbonate (CO ₃)	139
pH	7.5	Sulphate (SO ₄)	27
Conductivity (25°C)	590	Chloride (Cl)	23
Free Carbon Dioxide	12	Nitrate (NO ₃)	14
Total Alkalinity		Fluoride (F)	0.1
(CaCO ₃)	232	Silica (SiO ₂)	4.5
Caustic Alkalinity		Aluminium (Al)	Iron (Fe) trace.
(CaCO ₃)	NIL	Zinc, copper, Lead, Manganese.	absent.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.08	Free Residual Chlorine.	0.2
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.06		
Nitrite Nitrogen	NIL		
Nitrate Nitrogen	3.1		
Oxygen Absorbed	0.01		
(4 hours at 26.7°C)			
Carbonate Hardness	232		

Chemical Analysis continued.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis, these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

I am grateful to Mr. E.C. Gordon, Chief Engineer to the East Devon Water Board, for his help and advice on this section of the report.

Fluoridation.

In 1965 a circular from the Ministry of Health expressed the Minister's hope that Local Authorities would take steps to add fluoride to public water supplies where these are naturally deficient. At the end of 1966 the number of Local Authorities who had come to a decision about fluoridation was as follows :-

	For:	Against:	No Decision:
County Councils.	34	17	8
County Borough Councils.	38	36	8
London Boroughs.	26	6	1
Delegated Councils.	14	12	3
Totals.	112	71	20

The Borough Council were advised to support the County Council if they decided to undertake fluoridation but both Councils expressed themselves as opposed to this preventative measure.

Rainfall.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
January.	3.18	3.71	5.87	4.07	5.32	5.32	0.89	0.80	4.47	3.15
February.	4.37	4.02	0.49	4.17	4.09	0.61	2.01	1.37	0.10	5.24
March.	3.27	2.09	3.94	2.49	0.06	2.29	5.16	5.44	3.35	0.95
April.	0.14	0.86	2.72	2.15	4.73	1.92	4.52	2.46	0.95	4.59
May.	1.80	3.26	1.01	2.17	1.26	2.12	2.31	3.28	2.22	2.13
June.	2.46	2.74	1.15	1.46	0.62	0.14	1.83	1.25	2.68	1.80
July.	3.15	2.66	2.11	3.84	1.03	1.89	1.79	0.69	4.01	1.60
August.	2.08	3.60	1.90	5.61	3.45	4.51	4.22	0.82	4.11	3.83
September.	3.57	3.13	0.10	6.60	2.57	3.77	2.66	1.28	3.26	0.76
October.	3.12	5.13	3.84	10.60	4.67	3.70	3.10	3.84	0.98	6.20
November.	2.43	3.26	5.96	5.07	1.91	1.55	6.62	2.48	4.58	2.44
December.	3.38	6.29	7.58	3.99	4.54	2.63	2.85	3.86	5.80	3.60
Totals.	33.31	42.75	36.67	52.22	34.25	30.45	37.96	27.57	36.51	36.29

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DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Considerable national publicity has been given in recent years to sewage pollution of beaches and the Public Health Committee gave consideration during the year to the question of sewage disposal. In July, the County Public Health Engineer (Mr. F.M.W. King), was invited to a special meeting of the Public Health Committee to explain the Electrolytic Treatment of sewage and deal with questions about this new process. He also described other alternatives for sewage disposal but pointed out that the only way of getting accurate information in order to assess the present situation at Lyme Regis was to obtain a detailed Engineering Report.

Drainage and Sewerage continued.

The Public Health Committee decided to ask the County Council whether they would authorise the County Public Health Engineer to carry out the necessary investigations and prepare a feasibility report on the alternative methods of sewage disposal which the Borough Council should consider if it was felt that the existing system was inadequate.

In September, the Borough Council were informed of the conditions under which the County Council would be likely to make the County Public Health Engineer's services available, and these were duly accepted. Messrs L.G. Mouchel and Partners, are providing advice and the investigations, which commenced in the autumn, will it is hoped, be completed in the summer of 1967.

Present System.

The developed areas of the town are on the water borne carriage system, largely combined soil and surface, with the exception of the post war housing estate which is on the separate system, and all new properties, where practicable, are now being dealt with on the latter system. One small area, Ware Lane, is dealt with by a septic tank and filter. The Council's seasonal Monmouth beach area has part water borne system and part Elsan, the latter being collected twice weekly. The former R.A.F. recreation building was purchased by the Council in 1965 and altered to provide toilets, showers and washing facilities for both sexes, replaced the Elsans during the year.

Over two thirds of the drainage of the town is received and discharged into the sea below low water mark by the Eastern outfall (18" cast iron sewer) across Broad Ledge, installed in 1900.

The Cobb area is dealt with by a 9" sewer discharging into a 12" cast iron sewer carried out beyond low water mark west of the Cobb. The 9" portion of this sewer, is situated in the movement area of the Cobb Road, and requires constant attention.

Public Lavatories.

Accommodation is provided for both sexes in six blocks at the Square, Marine Parade, Cobb Harbour, Monmouth Beach, Holmbush car park, one small block for men at the Victoria Pier, and also a small block at the Monmouth beach for the use of the Sandboy huts and a further block for the use of the caravans.

Pollution of Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the river Lym during its course through the Borough.

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ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

No nuisances were reported during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughterhouse in the Borough, the retailers obtaining their meat outside the district.

(1) Food Premises by Type.

There are 133 food premises, in which the following businesses are conducted :-

Bakers.....	3.	Fried fish and chip shops.....	1.
Butchers.....	4.	Ice Cream.....	33.
Fishmongers.....	4.	Dairies.....	2.
Grocers.....	17.	Public Houses.....	14.
Greengrocers.....	8.	Poulterers.....	4.
Confectioners.....	6.	Food Kiosks.....	3.
Restaurants and Cafes.....	22.	School Canteens.....	2.
Hotels.....	19.	Private Hotels and Guest Houses.....	50.

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream.....	2.
Sale of ice cream.....	31
Preparation and manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food.....	4

12 ice cream samples were taken for analyses, Grade 1 = 10, Grade 2 = 2.

Food Hygiene Visits.

All food premises were systematically inspected during the year and the general standard of food hygiene was found to be satisfactory with a few exceptions. It was not found necessary to have recourse to legal action in any instance, however as a result of informal action several kitchens and food preparation rooms were improved.

Visits.....	289.
Informal Notices served.....	85.
Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955...	37.
Swabs taken of food premises.....	17.
Food samples taken for bacteriological examination.....	1.
Pet food samples taken.....	2.

Condemnation of Food.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

	Cwt.	lbs.	oz.
Tinned foods.	1	39	1
Confectionary.	0	28	0

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

The Regulations apply to covered and uncovered markets, delivery vehicles, mobile shops, stalls and trading in the open generally. They strengthen the present food hygiene requirements for these forms of trading and revoke or supersede the corresponding requirements in the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960. The Regulations come into operation on 1st. Janaury, 1967 and the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 will not apply after that date to food businesses subject to the provisions of the new Regulations.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961 the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The County Council however, have continued to keep this Council informed of the number of samples taken. 19 samples were taken 16 passed and 3 failed the prescribed test.

Health Education and Food Hygiene.

It is impossible for standards of food hygiene to be maintained only by legislation. Improvement in standards will be obtained by increased awareness of food hygiene both by the public and those working in food premises. A film show on food hygiene was held in October at the Three Cups Hotel and was attended by over 60 people including some members of the general public, shop keepers, hoteliers and restaurateurs. A further talk was given to the Master Butcher's Association and regular talks are being given to Domestic Science classes at the Woodroffe School.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The majority of initial inspections having been completed in 1965, work during the year under review was confined to follow up inspections, inspections of newly registered premises and spot checks to ensure that standards were maintained.

The premises register, by class, with an analysis of persons employed are as follows :-

Class of workplace.	No. of registered premises.	Number of persons employed.
Offices.	15	62
Retail shops.	51	175
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	1	5
Catering establishments.	25	149
Fuel storage depots.	1	6
Totals.	93	397

Visits.....	150.
General inspections.....	73.
Contraventions.....	56.
Registered premises.....	93.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. 1963. continued.

The most frequent contravention was failure to provide employed staff with the prescribed information about the Act, failure to register, unsatisfactory first aid facilities, washing facilities, sanitary accommodation, inadequately guarded machinery, and the cleanliness and decoration of premises.

In most cases the persons responsible rectified contraventions when they were brought to their attention, but in a small number of instances compliance has proved more difficult to obtain. In one case, the sanitary accommodation and washing facilities have been inadequate since the coming into operation of the relevant Regulations on 1st. January, 1966, but in spite of much correspondence the owner of the building has failed to comply, and legal proceedings have been authorised.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts. 1928 and 1936.

No of licences granted.....	2.
No. of inspections.....	5.
Total petrol storage licences.....	7,000 galls.
Notices served.....	2.

RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

No full-time rodent operator is employed. One of the Council's workmen, who has attended training courses, deals with the Council's drains, sewers, refuse tip and premises, and also private premises on receipt of complaints.

No. of properties inspected.....	272.
No. of properties treated.....	15.
Infestations found, Rats; (Minor).....	14.
Infestations found, Mice; (Minor).....	1.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A weekly collection is made of household and trade refuse by one lorry, and in the summer additional collections are made in the business areas of the town as required. The refuse is disposed of at a tip on the cliffs east of the town. All main streets are swept daily. Gullies are cleared on the Borough roads by the Council and on Classified roads by the County Council. Litter baskets are provided in parts of the town and beaches.

SCHOOLS.

These are inspected regularly; all have piped water, water closets and washing facilities.

CAMPING SITES.

There is one well maintained camping ground of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres situated on the hill to the north of the town, with 200 caravan sites licensed for summer use only and winter storage. The site has main drainage and water supply.

On the Monmouth beach, owned by the Council, there exists a total of 70 day huts, caravans and chalets for summer use only. Water is supplied by standpipes at various points. The former R.A.F. recreation building was acquired by the Council and converted by direct labour to form a new block of toilets and ablutions to the Caravans and Control of Development Act standards. This was opened for the Whitsun holidays and provides separate male and female accommodation totalling 15 water closets, 10 washhand basins, 6 showers and 3 laundry sinks. It is connected to the main sewer, water and electricity services, with part hot water supply by metered gas. Provision of this block has allowed the abolition of over 60 pail closets.

On the same beach the Council own and let 28 residential chalets, all with individual main services, for seasonal letting. Lavatory accommodation is provided at the rear in a separate block of buildings and drains to the public sewer.

On the Monmouth Plateau there are 19 caravans each with a gully connected to the sewer, a standpipe for water supply for every pair of caravans and a block of toilets.

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SWIMMING FACILITIES.

There is no public swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea during the season from all beaches and dressing accommodation is available from huts and tents on the main beach.

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ALLOCATION OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Surface water drains blocked/repaired.....	27	Advice on drains & sewers.....	17
" " " inspections.....	222	" " pests & rodents.....	7
" " " colour tests.....	18	Rodent Survey.....	0
Drains inspections.....	78	Factory inspections.....	21
" water tests.....	23	Contravention letters.....	33
" smoke tests.....	3	Septic tanks cleansed/emptied.	3
" colour tests.....	25	House inspections.....	50
" blocked/repaired.....	24	Infectious disease inquiries..	5
" renewed.....	0	Committees attended.....	160
Sewers inspections.....	88	Interviews.....	775
" connections.....	7	Other inspections.....	1026
" colour tests.....	9	Buildings inspected.....	276
" smoke tests.....	0	Food premises.....	289
" blocked/repaired.....	18		
" water test.....	0		
" outfalls.....	76		
" flow gaugings.....	30		

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LYME REGIS RIPARIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Nil report. (on advice of the Ministry of Health 4/4/63).

FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	23	12	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	3	0	0	0
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	10	9	0	0
Total.	36	21	0	0

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding.	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors.	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.	0	0	0	0	0
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	0	0	0

FACTORIES ACT. 1961 continued.

OUTWORK.		Section 133		Section 134		
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CLINICS HELD AT THE HEALTH CENTRE, BRIDPORT.

* = seen only by appointment.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker.----- Monday morning.
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)----- Monday morning. *
Relaxation Classes. ----- Monday afternoon. *
Speech Therapy----- Monday afternoon. *

TUESDAYS.

Speech Therapy----- Tuesday morning. *
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)----- Tuesday all day. *
Probation Officer.----- Tuesday evening.
Family Advice Bureau.----- Tuesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment.----- Wednesday afternoon 2 - 5.
Hearing Assessment----- every 3rd. Wednesday morning
in the month. *
Child Guidance----- Alternate Wednesdays. *

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning.----- 1st. 2nd. and 3rd. Thursday in the
month. 2-30 - 4-30 p.m. *
Cervical Cytology clinic.----- 2nd. Thursday in the month 10-11 a.m.*
4th. " " " " " "
(open session)

FRIDAYS.

Child Welfare Clinic.----- 2nd. and 4th. Friday in the month.
2-4 p.m.. Dr. in attendance.

Other clinics are held at :-

<u>BEAMINSTER.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Welfare Centre, Hogshill Street.	2nd. and 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thursday.
	<u>Foot Clinic.</u> (Elderly Persons)	"	1st. three Fridays in the month. 2-5 p.m. *
<u>CHARMOUTH.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Mobile Clinic. Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.
	<u>Foot Clinic</u> (Elderly Persons)	W.I. Hall. Worsley Close.	Alternate Wednesdays 2-5 p.m. *
<u>THORNCOMBE.</u>	<u>Child Welfare.</u>	Mobile Clinic. Willage Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 p.m. Dr. in attendance.

